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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed November 6, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this response.